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Sir: Applicant submit herewith patents, publications or other information, attached hereto and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified), of which aware, which believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

This Information Disclosure Statement:

- (a) [] accompanies the new patent application submitted herewith. 37 CFR § 1.97(a).
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The Examiner is reminded that a "concise explanation of the relevance" of the submitted items "may be nothing more than identification of the particular figure or paragraph of the patent or publication which has some relation to the claimed invention," MPEP § 609.

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Respectfully submitted, JACKSON & CO., L.L.P.

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